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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of: Confirmation Number: 2672 TOMOYUKI ITO, ET AL.

Application No.: 10/767,397 Group Art Unit: 3663

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EXECUTING AN OPERATION IN A

PRESSURE VESSEL OF A NUCLEAR REACTOR

AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH RCE UNDER RULE 1.114

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Concurrent with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in response to the Final Office Action dated February 9, 2007, the period for response having been extended by one (1) month until Monday, June 11, 2007, the following amendments and remarks are submitted in connection with the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2;

Remarks and arguments begin on page 6.

Deposit account authorization for fees associated with this RCE, extensions of time, and excess claims has been separately provided.